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TRANSMISSION LINE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments as set forth below.



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Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**

I hereby certify that the attached Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with copy of Preliminary Amendment mailed June 11, 2002 and file-stamped postcard (30 pages), Baker Botts return postcard (1 postcard); and this Certificate of Mailing (1 page) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 8th day of March 2005, and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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